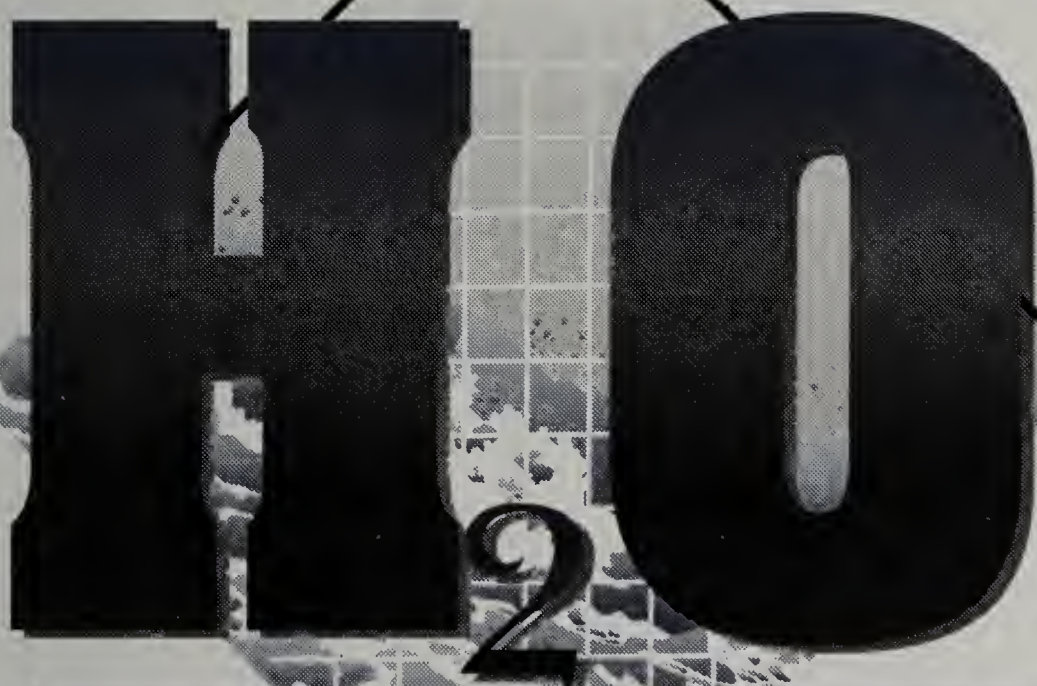


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GREETINGS FROM THE COUNCIL:

The past year has been a very active one for all parties involved in the Community Water Supply Testing Fee (CWSTF) program. Water supplies have been confronted with new federal regulations and the discontinuance of state funded testing. The Council has been very active working for the passage of legislation to ensure the continuance of the program and provide expansion of the testing services. Once again, the IEPA laboratories have analyzed more samples for water supplies than in any previous year. Although it has been a difficult year, the results of everyone's efforts is an expanded, independent program that will provide a viable service to water supplies next year and in the future.

The legislation recently signed into law will expand the Council to represent more areas of the State. The Council's authority was expanded to oversee and audit the IEPA and to design a fee to best serve the water supplies. The number of parameters to be analyzed has also been expanded to include the parameteres that were paid for by State funding.

The Council has approved the following program for the upcoming year.

- Two fee schedules--one for supplies with their own water source (parent supplies) and one for supplies that purchase their water.
- A change in the minimum and maximum fees to better represent the services received by the supplies.
- Payment of the fee in two installments, one due within 45 days of the January statement and one due by June 1, 1994 to allow time for budget consideration.

Why the Fee Escalated

Inclusion of the Pre-1986 testing

This year the fee includes the previous state funded testing that was discontinued due to elimination of General Revenue funding. The discontinuation of state funding resulted in supplies having to bare the burden of over \$1 million of additional lab fee costs.

Self Sufficiency of the Fund

The new fee now covers all program costs. This means that the fund is no longer dependent on the General Assembly allocating resources, thus avoiding a sudden discontinuation of services like that experienced last year. The Council will monitor IEPA's performance to assure self-sufficiency and cost effectiveness of the program.

New Federal Monitoring Requirements

The Safe Drinking Water Act requires USEPA to regulate 25 new parameters every three years. The latest requirements have complex monitoring schemes and specify very sophisticated chemical analyses. SOC's and the Information Collection Rule parameters will strain the resources of water supplies and the IEPA laboratories.

The SOC's have very rigorous method detection limits and will more than triple the IEPA laboratory workload. The IEPA laboratory is presently the only laboratory in Illinois that is certified for all the SOC's, with the exception of dioxin.

Services Provided

The program provides:

- Notification of sampling required;
- Automatic shipment of sample bottles required for routine monitoring;
- Automatic shipment of repeat and confirmation sample bottles;
- No additional cost for repeat samples
- Reporting of sampling results consistent with regulatory requirements;
- Analyses of samples with quality control steps taken to assure accuracy.

Expanded Program

This year's program will cover federal and State monitoring requirements. A list of the covered parameter groups follows.

Asbestos

Disinfectant/Disinfectant By-Products

Fluoride

Information Collection Rule

Inorganic Chemicals

Lead and Copper

Microbiological*

Nitrate/Nitrite

State Required "Old MCLs"

Synthetic Organic Chemicals (SOCs)

Total Trihalomethanes (TTHMs)

Volatile Organic Chemicals (VOCs)

Water Quality Parameters (WQPs)

**Routine microbiological samples have been expanded from 6 to 10.*

The new legislation allows the Council to address all monitoring requirements in the CWSTF program.

SOC Waiver Program

New federal regulations require all water supplies to collect at least one set of SOC's in this fee period. The rules allow the IEPA to issue waivers to supplies which significantly reduce the monitoring requirements. However, water supplies must request the waiver and provide documentation to the IEPA to support the determination that a supply is not vulnerable to some of the contaminants.

If the waiver program is successful and the majority of eligible supplies participate, the laboratory SOC workload can be reduced.

Waivers will significantly reduce the CWSTF program costs for SOC testing in future years. You should strongly consider attending the upcoming seminars on the waiver process scheduled in January - March, 1994.

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Type of Supply	Fee per Service Connection	Minimum Fee 200 Service Connections	Maximum Fee 2,000 Service Connections
Parent	\$ 4.91	\$ 982.00	\$ 9,820.00
Purchase	\$ 1.80	\$ 360.00	\$ 3,600.00

Program fee statement for State Fiscal Year 1995, beginning July 1994, will be mailed in early January, 1994.

Please consider the information in this report before you make one of the ***most important*** decisions of the year.

We encourage you to compare these prices with other certified laboratories offering comparable services.

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